

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MAY 24, 2016**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2016. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adopt the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING.** Mayor Seitz called to order a public hearing for the South Main Demolition project.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to permit Lisa Gehlhausen with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission who is also the grant administrator to take minutes of the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Gehlhausen prepared the following public hearing minutes.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - SOUTH MAIN ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION PROJECT**

Mayor Seitz introduced Lisa Gehlhausen to conduct the public hearing.

Ms. Gehlhausen explained that the South Main acquisition and demolition project was funded with federal funds through Housing and Urban Development HUD; administered by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, through the Disaster Recovery Appropriation 2 funds.

The project was a voluntary project involving acquisition and demolition of properties located within a flood plain, located between Main, Jackson, First, and Second Streets in the City of Jasper. A public hearing notice appeared in the Herald on May 13, 2016, and posted at City Hall.

Ms. Gehlhausen said vacant properties, a business and residential homes were acquired and demolished. One property owner chose not to participate. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority offered a grant to the City of Jasper in the amount of \$544,584.


Ms. Gehlhausen continued, there was an initial meeting with the property owners in early 2014. An environmental review; Title searches; Distribution of the Uniform Relocation Act; Appraisals; Offers to Purchase; Purchase agreements; and recording of the deeds were accomplished. The deeds to the City have been recorded with restrictive covenants on the property. The covenants read "The Real Estate shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for uses compatible with open space." The details of these covenants are recorded with the deeds.

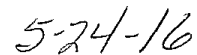
Mayor Seitz ask if there are any comments from the public. Mayor Seitz added the purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on community development and housing needs, past community development and housing activities, and this funded acquisition and demolition project. Mayor Seitz ask for any further discussion.

Renee Kabrick, City Attorney clarified that parking is an example of a permitted use pursuant to the restrictive covenants. Such use may be considered in the future.

With no comments from the public, a motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted with authorization from the City of Jasper.

  
Lisa Gehlhausen  
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission

  
Date

The motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell. Motion carried 3-0.

## **BIDS FOR A FIRE RESCUE TRUCK**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the department advertised for bids for a new fire rescue truck. There is no trade in. The fire department plans to keep the current rescue truck at the Brames Road fire station. A notice to bidders appeared in the Herald on May 7 and 14, 2016.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened the following bids.

\$517,533.00	Fire Service Inc
\$577,796.07	Mid America Fire and Safety [SVI Trucks per bid form]
\$591,600.00	Sutphen Corporation

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to take the bids under advisement. Motion carried 3-0.

## **MAP OF COLTS FAN FEST**

Mayor Seitz said the Colts Fan Fest will be held on June 9, 2016 at the train depot area. He displayed a map of the area showing the location of the various activities. He said south Mill Street will be closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the Colts Fan Fest map as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

## **50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT REQUEST**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Friends of Cabby O'Neill Gym is requesting to use the City's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program to repair a portion of the sidewalk along the north side of the gym. Hurm added that we have not used the 50/50 program to do a partial replacement. The City will need to replace the ADA ramp. The total cost of the project is \$988.75 and the School's portion is \$256.25.

Mayor Seitz said because the project involves the school corporation, he does not see this as precedent setting and recommends foregoing the group having to replace the entire sidewalk.

Hurm added that parking will have to be restricted on 7<sup>th</sup> Street while the work is being done.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to permit the project for a total cost of \$988.75 and restrict traffic on the street as needed. Motion carried 3-0.

## **GIS DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented an agreement between the City of Jasper and Dubois County whereby both parties agree to exchange certain Geographical Information System [GIS] data. The City and County agree to provide access to and share its GIS data. Each party is responsible for its expense of creating and sharing its GIS layers.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the GIS Data Exchange agreement with the County. Motion carried 3-0.

## **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Flavius Rhodes Trust  
Location: 2610 Birk Drive

Owner: Roberto Bravo & Rachel Merkley  
Location: 2522 Birk Drive

Owner: Abby Raisor  
Location: 1321 Greene Street

Owner: Diana Birkle  
Location: 1330 Leopold

Owner: HookSuper X  
Location: At the Y

Owner: Robert Peterson  
Location: 1233 Second Ave.

Owner: Don & Mary Mendel  
Location: 1216 Second Ave.

Owner: Lois Jean & Betty Garcia  
Location: 760 Second Ave.

Owner: Jasper Pottery Inc.  
Location: 2218 Newton

Owner: Herbert & Mary Ann Schwenk  
Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Owner: DJS Properties LLC  
Location: 926 Jackson

Owner: Joan Ledene  
Location: 1426 W 31<sup>st</sup> Street

Owner: Desiree Yoder  
Location: 424 Third Ave.

Owner: Kelly Gehlhausen  
Location: 805 E 15th

Owner: Michael & Paula Vaal  
Location: 1352 Andrew Lane

Owner: RSH Holdings/Steve Haagh  
Location: 555 E 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Owner: Steven Scherle  
Location: 457 Truman Road

Owner: Henry & Anna Knyff  
Location: S Truman Road

Owner: Thomas & Necita Apple  
Location: 315 N Truman Road

## **REPORTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said there was a recent medical call to the river walk from the 15<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. He explained the challenges they faced. There was a good response from various City departments to help someone in need.

Mayor Seitz acknowledged receipt of the police activity report.

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said because of the increased volume of gun sales and handgun permits including those to women, the Jasper Police Department along with the Jasper Rifle and Gun Club and local gun shops are sponsoring a Girls and Guns handgun safety class. The event will be held at the Jasper Police Station on June 27, 2016. Registration is required and is limited to the first twenty-five women who register who are at least eighteen years of age.

Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey introduced Vanessa Hickman who is working as an intern this summer.

## **SIGN/LABEL PRINTER QUOTES**

Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies presented the following quotes for a sign/label printer. He said the item is needed because of recent changes in safety requirements.

\$3,365.00 STAC Industrial Inc  
\$3,299.00 Fastenal  
\$2,867.65 STAGG Safety Equipment  
\$2,750.00 CED

Knies recommended accepting the low quote submitted by CED for \$2,750.00.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the recommendation and the low quote from CED for \$2,750.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## **2016 STREET PROJECTS**

Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising presented lists of the 2016 street paving projects, the liquid road projects, and the asphalt rejuvenating projects. He said they need to close the streets when working on the areas that are named on the lists that were provided.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to close the roads listed on the schedules on an as needed basis. Motion carried 3-0.

## **SEEK QUOTES FOR ROAD PRESERVATION PROJECTS**

Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising asked permission to seek quotes from the single source providers for an asphalt liquid road surface coating called LiquidRoad and for an asphalt rejuvenator for the road preservation projects because there is only one provider of these products for a certain territory.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to seek quotes from the single source providers of LiquidRoad and for Rejuvenator. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RUBBER TIRE WHEEL LOADER BIDS**

At the May 10, 2016 meeting, bids for a rubber tire wheel loader were taken under advisement. Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising said the low bid which was from Whayne Supply Co. did not meet the specifications. The specifications called for a power shift transmission however Whayne Supply's bid was for a unit that has a hydrostatic transmission. Theising explained the difference between the two types of transmissions and why the power shift transmission better meets the needs of the street department. Theising then recommended accepting the second lowest and most responsive bid that was submitted by Diamond Equipment Inc for \$173,750.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to follow the recommendation of the street commissioner and award the bid to Diamond Equipment Inc for a Case 621F for \$173,750.00. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said there will be an open house today from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Pfaffenweiler Room of city hall. This open house will be an informational meeting for the public to learn more about the downtown revitalization project. Representatives from Rundell Ernstberger Associates, the design firm for the project, will also be present.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 14th day of June, 2016.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**